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CELL BIPOLAR PLATE, FUEL CELL  
BIPOLAR PLATE, AND FUEL CELL

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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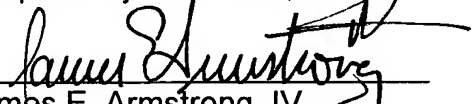
The reference BA listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 was cited in the Supplementary European Search Report dated March 31, 2008 from the European Patent Office, issued on the European patent application No. 04 731 726.8. Copies of the Supplementary European Search Report and a letter from the European Agent are attached.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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